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*Of the Wonderful Escape of divers French Protestants from Charente near Rochel, and their safe Arrival at Dartmouth, the 24th of March.*

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**A**lthough there are too many Persons remain still amongst us, who do both secretly and openly favour the *French* Interest, magnifie their Power and Wisdom, and wish good Success to their Arms, in order to restore the late abdicated King; notwithstanding so many fresh Examples of their implacable Malice and Cruelty against the *Northern* Heresie, as they call it, that is, the Protestant Religion, endeavouring by all possible Methods to root it out; so that no Persons in their right Minds can imagine, but that should they prevail (which God forbid) they would entirely destroy both our Religion and Liberty: For if they continue to exercise such unheard of Cruelties on their own Countrey-men and Neighbours, what must Strangers expect?

The last Week there put into *Dartmouth* a small *French* Vessel, about twenty five Tuns, which brought in about Twenty *French* Protestants, Men, Women and Children, who are well known to their Brethren of *Dartmouth*, where they have a Pastor and Congregation. Some of these poor People had procured this Vessel, and put a small Quantity of Wines and Brandies on board, pretending to go for *Dunkirk* in Company of a great Fleet that was thither bound, with a supply of Provisions for the *French* Armies in *Flanders*; and for so doing, they were forced to give security by some of their Brethren who were to remain (as they thought) at home: But in the Night-time they got all their Securities, with their whole Families on board, hid them away in the best manner they could to prevent Discovery. Some in Cask, others in Bags, and so came up our Channel with the *French* Fleet, and took their Opportunity in the Night-time to steer away for *Dartmouth*, where they got in in safety, and relate that their Brethren, who have been Dragoon'd, do most earnestly wish and hope for some Deliverance from their most barbarous Oppression, of which there is now a good Prospect entertain'd.